

FACT SHEET
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Sabine-Neches Waterway, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Resolution of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, 5 Jun 97.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>		<u>Feasibility</u>
Estimated Federal Cost		\$ 5,075,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost		4,950,000
Cash	4,650,000	
Other	300,000	
Total Estimated Study Cost		10,025,000
Allocations thru FY 2001		1,673,900
Allocation for FY 2002		*1,909,000
Budget Request for 2003		400,000
Balance to Complete after FY 2003		1,092,100
Amount That Could be Used in FY 2003		650,000

*Includes \$1,500,000.00 reprogramming action.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Sabine-Neches Waterway is a federally constructed deep-draft navigation project, which serves the Ports of Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Orange, Texas. The existing waterway consists of a jettied entrance channel, 42 feet deep and 500-800 feet wide, from the Gulf of Mexico; a channel 40 feet deep and 400 feet wide to Beaumont via the Neches River; and a channel 30 feet deep and 200 feet wide to Orange via the Sabine River. The study is investigating commercial navigation needs and environmental opportunities.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2002: Activities include studies to address the utilization of dredged material, WES ship simulation studies, surveys of placement areas, geotechnical investigations and continuation of environmental contracts.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: FY03 Budget request would be used to fund environmental impact studies, completing work on the hydrodynamic and salinity model, sediment transport analyses, vessel effects and shoreline erosions study and various geotechnical investigations.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The local sponsor for the study is the Jefferson County Waterway and Navigation District (JCWND). JCWND has contributed \$2.755 million in non-Federal funding for the study to date. An additional \$500K in Federal funds was requested and received in FY 02 to maintain the optimum study schedule. JCWND was not able to match the additional funding this FY, which put them approximately \$827.7K under their 50%

share of the total cost of the feasibility study to date. JCWND requested by letter dated 06 May 2002 that the study proceed on the optimum schedule, and committed to provide additional non-Federal funding in FY 03 to meet the cost sharing agreement.

LOCAL SPONSOR: Jefferson County Waterway and Navigation District.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Gramm and Hutchison (TX),
Congressmen Turner (TX-2) and Lampson (TX-9).

DATE: August 13, 2002